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Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in either the International Search Report of corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/FI00/00489 or in the Finnish Official Action associated with Finnish Application No. 991233. Copies of the International Search Report, the Finnish Official Action and the references cited therein are enclosed. The Examiner may wish to consider the notations on the International Search Report and the Finnish Official Action regarding the relevance of each item. The Examiner will kindly note that United States Patent No. 4,536,253 is an English language equivalent to the Finnish reference FI 76137 and that United States Patent Nos. 4,236,960 and 4,311,666 are English language equivalents to the Finnish reference FI 66662.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these references and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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